Contaminated underground water in Rajasthan

*80. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that due to contaminated underground water fluorosis has engulfed eight major districts of Rajasthan causing serious dental and skeletal abnormalities; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and *(b)* Yes, Sir. District-wise number of villages having high fluoride in ground water in Rajasthan as per observations of the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) is given in the enclosed Statement (Seebelow). The excess fluoride in drinking water causes water borne diseases including skeletal and/or dental fluorosis.

Provision of safe drinking water is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The Central Ground Water Board provides technical services to the State Governments in this endeavour. The CGWB has taken periodic monitoring of water quality. The data thus collected is made available to concerned State agencies.

Statement

District-wise number of villages in Rajasthan having high fluoride in Ground Water

Sl.No.	District	Number of Villages
1	Nagaur	771
2.	Jaipur	737
3.	Banswara	605
4.	Bhilwara	530
5.	Banner	466
6.	Tonk	445
7.	Dausa	398
8.	Aimer	384
9.	Alwar	344
10.	Karauli	321
11.	Jodhpur	320
12.	Jaisalmer	301
13.	Sirohi	252
14.	Jhunihunu	252
15	Jaloie	235
16.	Udaipur	224

Sl No.	District	Number of Villages
17.	Bharatpur	203
18.	Dungarpur	176
19.	Sikar	175
20.	Pali	172
21.	Churu	166
22.	Barmer	148
23.	Sri Ganganagar	147
24.	Dholpur	143
25.	Rajsamand	134
26.	Chittorgarh	115
27.	Bundi	107
28.	Jhalawar	100
29.	Bikaner	85
30.	Kota	20

Vegetable and Fruit Godowns at Sahar International Airport, Mumbai

466. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to erect terminals for vegetable and fruits godowns at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Sahar, Andheri, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details of facilities Government are going to give in this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CI VII AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Construction of the Centre for Perishable Cargo is in progress at the International Airport at Mumbai to provide State-of-the-art Storage and Processing facilities for handling perishable consignments consisting of fruits, vegetables, horticulture and floriculture, and is likely to be completed by August, 2002. Facilities like exclusive parking, exclusive truck dock area, five X-Ray machines, four embedded weighing scales, close circuit television, specially designed trollies, computerised/automated system and uninterrupted maintenance of cold chain are being provided at the proposed centre for perishable cargo at Mumbai.

Flights from Bangalore to Switzerland

467. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is a big market potential for operating international flights from Bangalore to Switzerland;